

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **MAY 19, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

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Bend Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
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Bend City, Public Works Director—Chair
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Bend City, Community Development
Bend City, Fire Department
Bend City, Police Department
Bend/LaPine School District
Deschutes County Road Department
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
(Vacant)
Doug Koellermeier
Cory Darling
Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Dan Serpico
Harold Anderson
Winchell M. Craig
Erik Huffman
Rex Wolf

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Sargent, Tom Pine

Engineering Technician
Bend Police Dept.

Guests

Ruth Zdanowicz
Mike Lovely
Jim Gattey
Perry Graves
Lisa Burley
Joe Bessman
Ron Deady
Bill Padgham

Citizen, SWNA
Citizen, SBNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, MVNA
Citizen, SEBNA
Citizen, OFDNA
Citizen
Citizen, CWNA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis asked the members for approval of the April, 2011 Minutes. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as written. Members voted to approve the minutes.
- 3) **Agenda Review:** Mr. Arnis asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda, Rex Wolf asked to hear more about the ODOT Parkway rapid flashing beacons, and also wants to give input to the Annual Report.
- 4) **Public Comments: None Given.**

5) Update on Citizen Service Requests (CSRs)

Harold Anderson reported that the new speed watch volunteer program consists of five volunteers with 4 back up. They have divided the City into four quadrants and the at least one volunteer works every weekday, if a speeding problem is found then they send a uniformed officer for enforcement. Sargent Tom Pine manages the program and sees it a way to direct resources for better efficiency. He will also work with the Neighborhood Associations as the program evolves. Mike Lovely commented that while it does not collect all the hard data that we need like crash data and speed and volume, it is a good program for help with citizen complaints. Mr. Arnis mentioned that another firm will be contracted to collect that kind of data. It was decided that the group would like to keep this topic on the agenda as the program is developed.

6) Information Items

Galveston Improvement Taskforce - Nick Arnis

Mr. Arnis reported that the group has a concept plan that includes sidewalks, stormwater treatment, parking and bike lanes. They have made good progress in the time they have been meeting. The next step will be to set up some public meetings to get feed back from the citizens who live and work around Galveston and possibly apply for some grants or form a local improvement district.

12th and Greenwood (Hwy 20) Pedestrian Crossing

Dan Serpico reported on the 12th and Greenwood (Hwy 20) Pedestrian Crossing, some progress has been made on the median and curb ramps, it is scheduled for completion in July. He went on to say that the pedestrian crossings on the Parkway at Badger and Reed Lane have been stalled because the brackets on the signs were substandard and have to be changed out before the projects can be fully functional, he expects completion in June.

Daggett Lane project will be going to bid in time for August construction, with the first phase being the improvements near the school. Mr. Craig asked why the project called for three traffic circles when he felt that two would suffice, Mr. Arnis said that he would talk to the project manager and get back to him with an answer.

Bear Creek Sidewalk Infill project for Safe Routes to School is planned for design & construction this summer. The project will have storm water improvements and the construction will be done by City Crews.

Crash criteria, Evaluation & Mitigation Study is underway with Kittleson & Associates under contract to analyze the history of crash data, in an effort to reduce crashes and the severity of crashes at some of the worst sites. They have asked for volunteers from this group to help in the development of the criteria to apply to high crash areas. Rex Wolf, Cory Darling & Tom Stump will help with the project.

TSAC Annual Report - Mr. Arnis has asked for input for the TSAC Annual report, he will create a draft that will be emailed to membership for comments and/or additions.

7) Citizen Service Requests from TSAC

Transportation Staff will update the committee on the status of:

In Progress

- Parrell Road disappearing bike lane – work order issued waiting for warm weather
- Metolius Road signage – Will be done at time of project
- Murphy Road was striped
- Iowa Street barricade is being rebuilt and then will be reinstalled

Completed

- Mt Washington signs for No Parking – Work order has been issued for additional signs – a total of five signs have been installed - Police have been informed that it is now enforceable and Parks and Recreation will be notified to warn patrons & help coordinate with police for big events.

Quiet Zone Request – Lisa Burley asked for copies of the study for the quiet zone. She pointed out that 100% of the funding would come from homeowners. They really need information of the total cost of the project and also of the hardware and software that would need to be installed at the crossings. Mr. Arnis explained the Transportation Division has created a preliminary cost estimate for the three proposed quiet zone locations and it is in the ball park of 1.5 million, but the City has to pay the up-front cost to get to the total cost estimate, the pre-engineering study cost too much of his staff time and would need to be paid by someone. The only reason that this issue is here at TSAC is that it requires funding. Denise Blake explained the national school bus rules and believes that this change could be a danger to kids. Harold Anderson wondered if the home owners associations pay for the up-front costs, Mr. Arnis would have to look into how it could be structured.

Items for next month agenda

If the G O Bond Measure passes what next?

Adjourn 9:20 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.